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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the matter of

U.S. National Phase Entry
Under 35 USC 371 from
the International Application of
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Entitled: Nasal Spray Device With Improved
Spray Geometry

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Before computing the fees for entering the captioned International Application into the U.S. National Phase, please enter the following amendments **IN THE CLAIMS**:

- Please cancel Claims 4-10.

Please add the following new claims:

A1 11. A spray device according to Claim 2 wherein the spray cone has a cone angle of from about 20 to about 50°.

12. A spray device according to Claim 11 wherein the spray cone has a cone angle of from about 30 to about 40°.

Sub 12/ 13. A spray device according to Claim 1 wherein the device is adapted to provide a unit fluid dose with a volume in the range from about 1 to about 20 μ l.

14. A spray device according to Claim 13 wherein the device is adapted to provide a unit fluid dose with a volume in the range about 5 to about 15 μ l.

15. A spray device according to Claim 13 wherein the device is adapted to provide multiple unit fluid doses.

Sub 13/ 16. A method of administering a fluid to the nasal cavity from a spray device, the method comprising spraying the fluid into the nasal cavity without substantial penetration of the device into the nostrils.

17. A method according to Claim 16 wherein the device sprays simultaneously into two nostrils.

Sub 14/ 18. A method according to Claim 16 wherein the device is adapted to provide a unit fluid dose with a volume in the range from about 1 to about 20 μ l.


19. A method according to Claim 18 wherein the device is adapted to provide a unit fluid dose with a volume in the range from about 5 to about 15 μ l.

20. A method according to Claim 16 using a device according to Claim 2.

The support for these amendments is found in the claims as originally filed. These amendments are being entered to bring the claims into conformance with, *inter alia*, 37 CFR §1.75; no new matter is added.

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